

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Kirk Wagoner, on February 1, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 285, 1/23/2017; HB 293, 1/23/2017; HB 123, 1/3/2017
Executive Action: HB 163

00:01:05 Chair Wagoner
00:01:11 Rep. Lenz joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Rep. Amanda Curtis (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 123, Require certain insurance disclosures to minimize surprise bills.

00:03:26 Rep. Karjala joined the meeting
00:05:05 Chair Wagoner

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:47 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
[EXHIBIT\(huh23a01\)](#)

00:09:09 Richard Miltenberger, Self
00:10:27 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource
[EXHIBIT\(huh23a02\)](#)

00:13:18 Kendall Cotton, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Montana State Auditors Office (SAO)
00:14:44 Bill Gallea, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:15:15 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:16:47 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals Montana
00:17:14 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health, St. Peter's Hospital
00:17:52 Kristin Page-Nei, American Cancer Society
00:18:41 Jessie Luther, Benefis Healthcare System
00:19:26 Jim Edwards, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:23 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana
[EXHIBIT\(huh23a03\)](#)

00:22:32 Janell Williams, Employee Management Services (EMS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:51 Rep. Ricci
00:25:23 Janell Williams, EMS
00:25:39 Rep. Ricci
00:26:09 Rep. Curtis
00:26:40 Rep. Kelker
00:27:17 Rep. Curtis
00:28:05 Rep. Mandeville
00:28:27 Bob Olson, MHA
00:29:10 Rep. Mandeville
00:29:25 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:34 Rep. Curtis

00:31:47 Recess

00:35:24 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:37 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 285, Establish a palliative care advisory council and education program.

EXHIBIT(huh23a04)

00:40:09 Rep. Welch joined the meeting

00:40:15 Rep. Pierson left the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:37 Christopher Jons, Palliative Care Physician

00:57:58 Chelsia Rice, Self

EXHIBIT(huh23a05)

01:02:53 Keri Yoder, Self

01:05:47 Elizabeth Harris, Self

EXHIBIT(huh23a06)

01:09:05 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health, St. Peter's Hospital

EXHIBIT(huh23a07)

01:10:23 Rev. Robyn Morrison, Hospice Chaplin

EXHIBIT(huh23a08)

01:13:05 Melissa Shannon, PacificSource

01:13:29 Bill Gallea, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

01:14:17 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

01:16:13 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals Montana

01:17:06 Sandy Merdinger, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(huh23a09)

01:17:54 Jessie Luther, Benefis Healthcare System

01:18:45 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

01:19:59 Mark Baker, Kalispell Regional Healthcare

EXHIBIT(huh23a10)

01:20:44 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

01:21:30 Jim Ahrens, American Cancer Society; Montana Dental Association

EXHIBIT(huh23a11)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:13 Rep. Mandeville
01:22:51 Rep. McKamey
01:23:19 Rep. Sales
01:23:44 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:18 Rep. McKamey
01:24:50 Chair

01:24:58 Recess
01:31:03 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 293**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:36 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 293, Revise requirements related to release of patient immunization information.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:39:20 Bill Gallea, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
01:42:14 Tanya Jagodzinski, American Academy of Pediatricians

[EXHIBIT\(huh23a12\)](#)

01:46:39 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(huh23a13\)](#)

01:48:44 Albert Olszewski, Physician
01:51:28 Andy Hunthausen, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(huh23a14\)](#)

01:53:00 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
01:54:44 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health, St. Peter's Hospital
01:55:00 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals Montana
01:55:33 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:56:50 Lynda Edquest, Montana Academy of Family Physicians

[EXHIBIT\(huh23a15\)](#)

01:57:30 Matt Kelley, Gallatin City County Health Department
02:00:00 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association
02:00:18 Jill Steeley, PureView Healthcare Center
02:01:16 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
02:03:03 Jane Smilie, Montana Public Health Association; American Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network; Association of Montana Public Health Officials

[EXHIBIT\(huh23a16\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:03:53 Trevor Wilkerson, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh23a17\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

02:15:34 Sarah Carlson, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

EXHIBIT(huh23a18)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:17:12 Rep. Dunwell
02:17:55 Sarah Carlson, LAD
02:19:40 Rep. Dunwell
02:20:13 Rep. Kelker
02:20:53 Rep. Ricci
02:21:19 Tanya Jagodzinski, American Academy of Pediatricians
02:21:36 Rep. Ricci
02:22:00 Tanya Jagodzinski, American Academy of Pediatricians
02:22:49 Rep. Mandeville
02:24:02 Sheryl Wood, MACo
02:24:42 Rep. Kelker
02:25:59 Rep. Mandeville
02:26:15 Rep. Kelker
02:26:53 Rep. Mandeville
02:27:33 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
02:28:38 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
02:29:38 Rep. Usher
02:30:08 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
02:30:50 Rep. Usher
02:31:25 Rep. Kelker
02:32:59 Rep. Usher
02:33:25 Rep. Kelker
02:34:44 Rep. Welch
02:35:16 Sarah Carlson, LAD
02:36:18 Chair Wagoner
02:36:51 Albert Olszewski, Physician
02:37:38 Chair Wagoner
02:38:17 Rep. Kelker
02:39:15 Chair Wagoner
02:40:07 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
02:40:57 Chair Wagoner
02:41:06 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
02:41:29 Chair Wagoner
02:43:09 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
02:44:02 Rep. Karjala
02:44:47 Tanya Jagodzinski, American Academy of Pediatricians
02:45:22 Matt Kelley, Gallatin City County Health Department
02:48:02 Rep. Karjala
02:48:16 Matt Kelley, Gallatin City County Health Department
02:48:32 Chair Wagoner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:48:55 Rep. Kelker
02:50:48 Chair Wagoner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 163

02:51:57 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 163 DO PASS.**

02:52:18 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:52:38 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 163 BE AMENDED.**

02:53:04 Sue O'Connell, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(huh23a19\)](#)

02:54:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-1 by voice vote with Rep. Harris voting no. Rep. Pierson voted by proxy. Rep. Hill Smith was excused.

02:55:04 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 163 BE AMENDED.**

02:55:23 Rep. Mandeville

02:56:16 Chair Wagoner

Discussion:

02:56:41 Rep. Dunwell

02:57:03 Sue O'Connell, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(huh23a20\)](#)

02:57:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Rep. Pierson voted by proxy. Rep. Hill Smith was excused.

02:58:09 **Motion:** Rep. Lenz moved that **HB 163 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

02:58:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Rep. Pierson voted by proxy. Rep. Hill Smith was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:59:10

Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh23aad.pdf](#))